(a) the details of production achieved in respect of DMS boots for supply to Armed forces by the Ordnance Equipment Factory, Kanpur during the past three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the OEF has been procuring such boots mostly from private traders either in complete shape or in the shape of major components which is increasingly raising the cost factor.

(c) whether OEF has been charging more than Rs. 350 for a pair of boots from the Armed Forces; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) The details of production of boots DVS (called boot DMS earlier), achieved for issue to Armed Forces by the Ordnance Equipment Factory, Kanpur (OEF), during the last three years, are:-

Year	Production Achieved
1993-94	2,00,000 pairs DVS + 2,00,000 pairs General Purpose
1994-95	4,35,000 pairs DVS
1995-96	4,75,507 pairs DVS

(b) to (d). Boots DVS in complete shape have not been procured from trade by the Ordnance Equipment Factory. However, to meet the requirements of the Army, keeping in view the temporary constraints in some aspects of manufacturing in the factory, short time assistance of trade for some components has been taken.

It has been ensured that cost of product does not increase. The prices charged from the Armed Forces are on no profit no loss basis. The prices, charged to the Armed Forces, are different for different sizes:-

Year	Issue Price (Rs.)	Size
1993-94	303	7
	332	8,9,10
1994-95	327	7
	336	8
	359	9,10
1995-96	360	5,6,7
	376	8,9,10
	397	11,12

Shipyard Workers

3722. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT; Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Hind Shipyard plan to put 3,500 workers to sea", appearing in the Economic Times dated August 7,1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. there is however no such plan for laying off 3,500 workers of the Hindustan Shipyard Limited.

[Translation]

Anganwadi Scheme

3723. SHRI CHITRASEN SINKU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the Central scheme under which Anganwadi scheme is being run;

(b) the nutritious diet/nutritious items distributed through Anganwadi Kendras;

(c) the total number of Anganwadi Kendras operating in the country;

(d) whether the Government propose to regularise the services of 'Sevikas' working in these Kendras; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) Anganwadi Kendras are run under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely, the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme.

(b) Supplementary Nutrition to the beneficiaries under the ICDS scheme is the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territories. The nutritious items provided to the beneficiaries, accordingly, differ from State to State depending upon locally available inexpensive ingredients but generally include items such as 'Panjeeri, Biscuits, milk, sweet bread, khichri, sukhadi, peanuts' etc.

(c) About 3.34 lakh anganwadi kendras are operating in the country, at present.

(d) and (e). The Anganwadi Kendra is managed by an anganwadi worker and a helper. Both these workers are